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SUBJECT: WESTERN FIVE STATEMENT ON MAPUTO DECLARATION

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT WESTERN FIVE DELEGATES HERE ARE PREPARED TO RELEASE ON MAPUTO DECLARATION. CANADIAN DE HERE ASKES THAT EMBASSY OTTAWA PASS TEXT TO HER GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT REPORT THAT CANADIAN DEL PLANS TO SUPPORT PLAN OF ACTION ON MAPUTO OUTCOME PROPOSED BY AMERICANS.

2. "THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL-CANADIA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE THE UK AND THE US- CAME TO THIS CONFERENCE FOR THREE REASONS:

(A) WE WANTED TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICAN STATES ON

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THESE TWO KEY ISSUES OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

(B) WE WANTED TO SEIZE THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THEIR AFRICAN POLICIES. SINCE ANY AFRICAN POLICY MUST BEGIN WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN, WE WANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO THE COUNTRIES AND MOVEMENTS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED THE INITIATIVES WE HAVE TAKEN AND THE

STRATEGY WE HAVE FOLLOWED.

(C) FINALLY, WE WANTED TO LISTEN TO AND UNDERSTAND AFRICAN VIEWS ON THESE CRITICAL SUBJECTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR ASSISTANCE WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS THE PARTIES MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED UNDERSTAND OUR PURPOSE AND FEEL FREE TO CONVEY THEIR REACTIONS.

FROM ALL THREE POINTS OF VIEW WE ASSESS THE CONFERENCE AS REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL. THE CONFERENCE MARKS A NEW STATE IN THE LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE. MORE THAN 90 COUNTRIES CAME TO DECLARE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND NIBIA. THIS COLLECTIVE EXPRESSION OF INTERNATIONAL DETERMINATION IS A SIGN THAT THE PROCESS OF LIBERATION IS MOVING TO A NEW AND CULMINATING PHASE. WE HAVE FOUND OTHERS WILLING TO LISTEN TO OUR POINT OF VIEW AND WE HAVE BENEFITED FROM THEIRS. WE SEE OURSELVES WORKING FOR THE SAME GOALS, EVEN WHEN WE CHOSE DIFFERENCE MEANS FROM THOSE PREFERRED BY OTHERS.

3. AS YOU ALL KNOW, OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE TOGETHER ADVANCED AN INITIATIVE TO RESOLVE THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THAT ANY SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. WE

LEFT NO DOUBT THAT AN ABSENCE OF PROGRESS TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

4. IN THE CASE OF THE UNITED STATES, PRESSIDENT CARTER, RECENTLY CONFIRMED U.S. POLICY IN MORE DETAIL. IN A STATEMENT MADE IN LOS ANGELES ON MAY 18, 1977, HE STATED THAT UNLESS THERE WAS PROGRESS ON NAMIBIA, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE COMPELLED TO TAKE STRONG ACTION IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

5. THE POSITION OF THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN LIGHT OF THE INITIATIVE WE HAVE TAKEN, WE FIND OURSELVES UNABLE TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH A SOME PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION AT THIS TIME. TO DO SO WOULD PREJUDGE THE RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT THE MOST PROMISING START IN YEARS OF EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. WE TAKE A SIMILAR POSITION REGARDING THE COOPERATIVE NEGOTIATION EFFORT OF THE BRITISH AND THE US ON ZIMBABWE. THE BULK OF THE

DRAFT DECLARATION, HOWEVER, REPRESENTS OUR VIEWS. IT ALSO REPRESENTS A REMARKABLE EFFORT TO CONVEY TO THOSE WHO HAVE BLOCKED PROGRESS IN THE PAST THAT THERE IS A DEGREE OF COMMITMENT AND A DEPTH OF SOLIDARITY AS THIS ISSUE WHICH ARE UNPRECEDENTED.

6. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PROGRESS MUST BE MADE URGENTLY ON THESE PROBLEMS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ISSUES OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE ARE ENTERING A NEW AND FINAL STAGE WHERE ONE PATH LEADS TO INCREASED VIOLENCE AND THE OTHER TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

7. SO WHILE WE CANNOT ASSOCIATE OURSELVES COMPLETELY WITH THE DECLARATION AT THIS TIME, WE REGARD IT AS AN IMPORTANT MARK IN HISTORY, ONE WHICH HELPS US UNDERSTAND OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND A POWER INTERESTED IN PEACEFUL CHANGE AND RACIAL PROGLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE COMMEND ITS AUTHORS AND WE PRAISE THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS CONFERENCE. BOTH HAVE HELPED BRING THE DAY OF FREEDOM CLOSER THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN.

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